

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor John Suthers, 2017



Colorado Springs 2017



Three Main Priorities

- Restore a collaborative relationship between Mayor and Council.
- Invest in critical public infrastructure – particularly roads and stormwater.
- Promote new job creation.



2017 City Council

City Council
welcomed
3 new
councilors in
2017; and
retained 6



City Council Presidents



Richard Skorman,
Council President
April 2017-Present

Merv Bennett,
Council President
2015-2017

County/City Collaboration



- Potential combined Emergency Operations Center
- Work on State Infrastructure Matters

Paving Progress Under 2C



- 242 lane miles to be paved in 2017
- Two-Year Total of 471 lane miles
- On-time, Under Budget

Paving Progress Under 2C

371,000 tons of
asphalt placed

372,000 linear
feet of curb &
gutter installed



I-25 at Cimarron Interchange



\$113.1M project

Completed on time and on budget

Provides increased highway safety, new bridge structure, new connection between 8th and Cimarron

Improved trail connectivity and aesthetic treatments

Stormwater



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KKTV, August 29

Southern Delivery System



Went online in April 2016

Draws water from the Pueblo Reservoir on the Arkansas River

Will fulfill Colorado Springs' growing water needs through 2046 and beyond

Has the capacity to treat up to 50M gallons of water per day

Required Stormwater Projects

- North Douglas Creek at Johnson Storage project is required by the Intergovernmental Agreement with Pueblo.
- Eroded banks threatening two separate businesses, utilities and Sinton Road.



Monument Branch Stabilization

Before



After



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Before



After



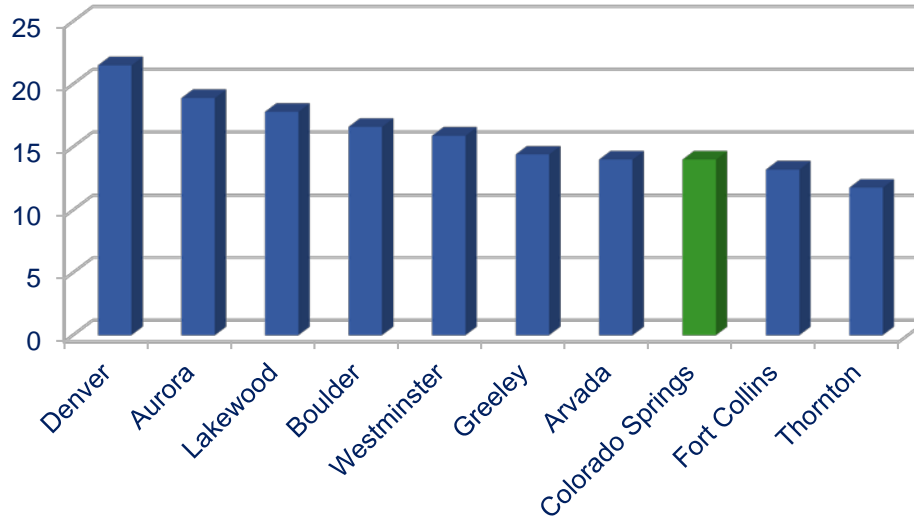
Public Safety: Staffing

Denver employs
21.5 officers per
10,000 residents

Colorado Springs
has 14 officers per
10,000 residents

Only Fort Collins
and Thornton have
a lower ratio

Officers/10,000 Residents



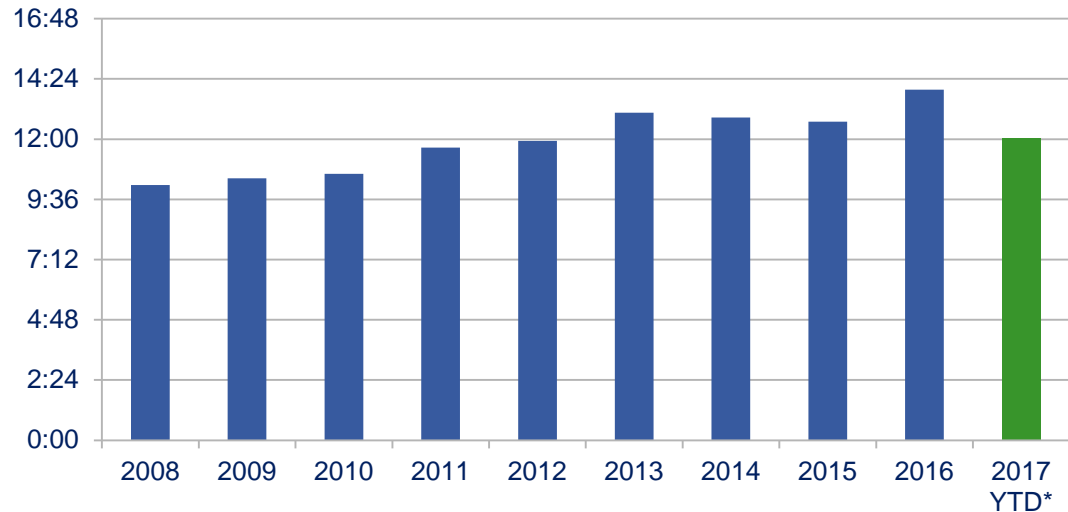
Public Safety: Response Times

Response times for Priority 1 calls average 12 minutes.

The goal is 8 minutes.

Additional staffing could reduce these times.

PRIORITY 1 911 RESPONSE TIMES



Ballot Issue 2A

City Question 2A - As set forth in Resolution 89-17, referred by City Council 8/22/2017

Without imposing any new tax or increasing any existing taxes, shall Ordinance No. 17 - 69 of the City of Colorado Springs be approved authorizing: the collection of stormwater service fees beginning July 1, 2018 and ending July 1, 2038, for the sole purpose of funding through a City enterprise, the construction, improvement, operation and maintenance of public stormwater facilities and a public stormwater system in the City, including regulatory permit compliance and protection of life and property within the City from the hazards of flooding and stormwater, to be assessed on all developed real property within the City, with such fees not to exceed the following maximum amounts:

Residential property: \$5.00 per dwelling unit/month

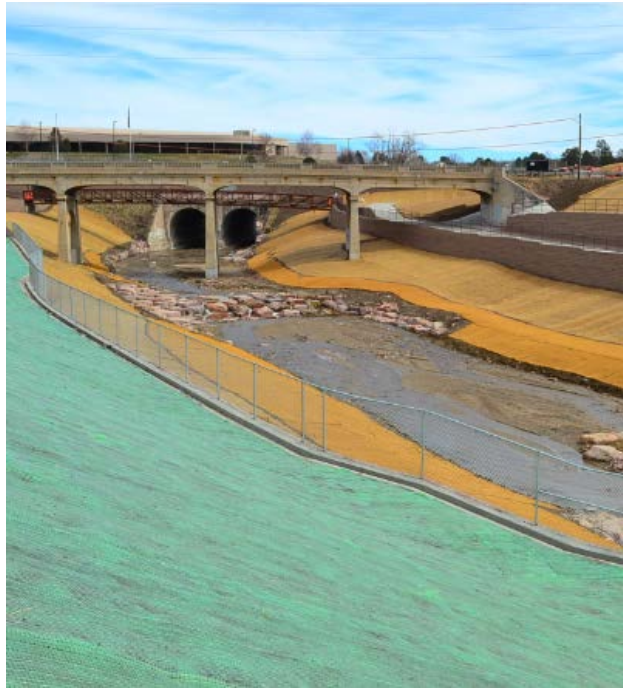
Non-residential property: \$30.00 per acre/month

providing that such fees may be thereafter increased by City Council by Resolution only to the extent required to comply with a valid court order, federal or state permits, federal or state laws, and intergovernmental agreements of the City entered into before June 1, 2016; and providing for citizen advisory committee oversight?

☐ Yes

☐ No

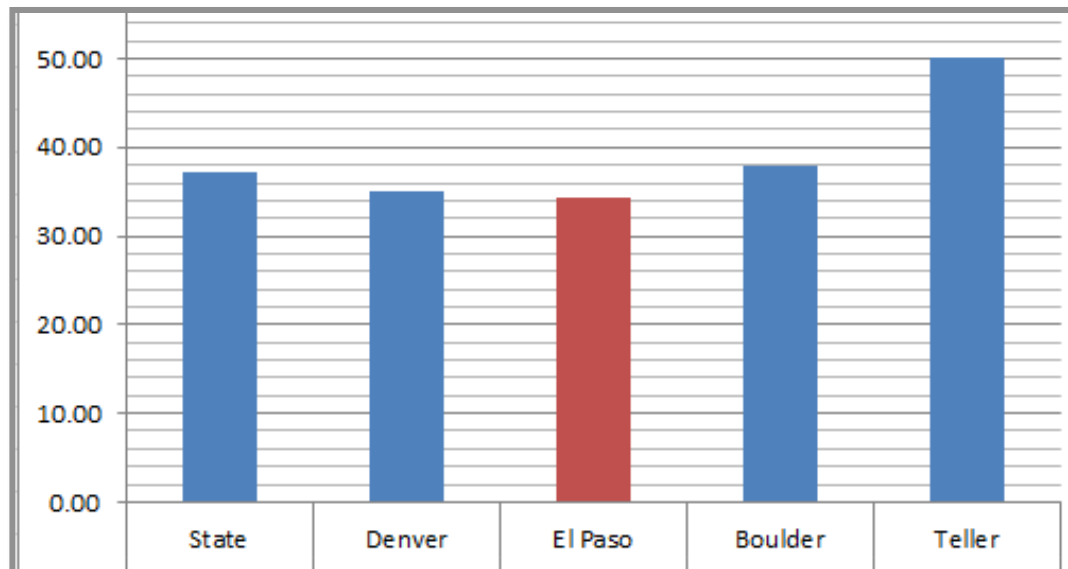
Cottonwood Creek Project



Median Age

Median Age
El Paso
County
34.4

Median Age
Colorado
37.2



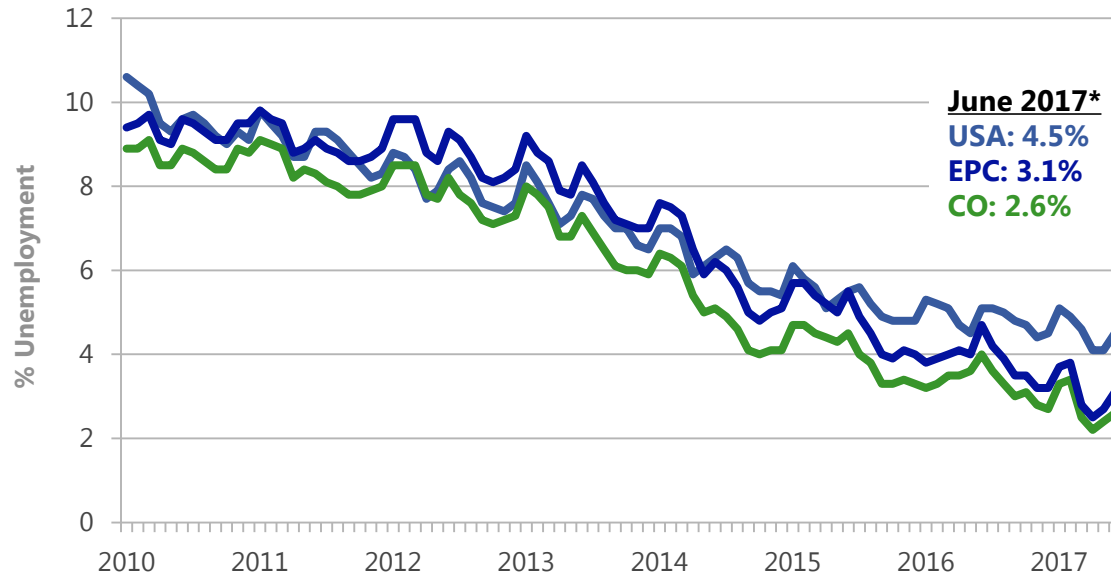
Source: State Demography Office

Unemployment

Posted Jobs
13,160

Median Salary
of posted jobs
\$69,600

Unemployment Rate



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Pikes Peak Community College

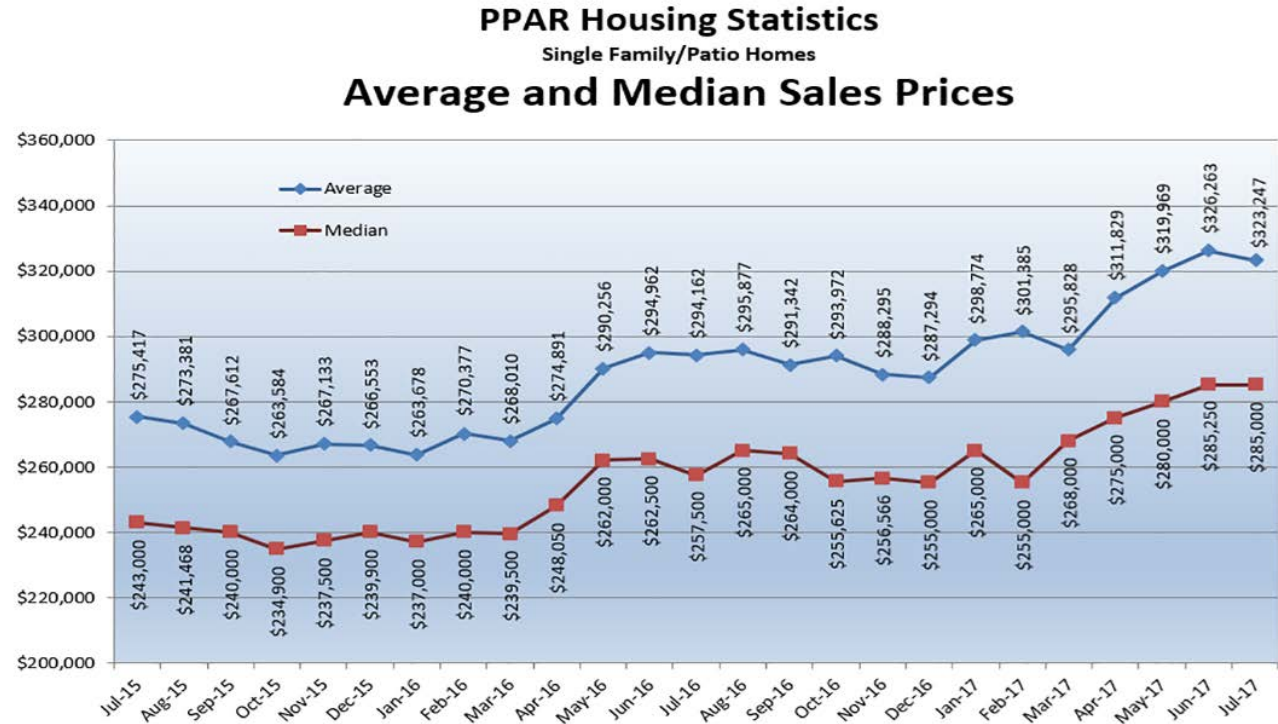


Housing Market: Price Increase

The average home price increased 17% from 2015 to 2017.

2015:
\$275,417

2017:
\$323,247



Affordable Housing Partners



Affordable Housing

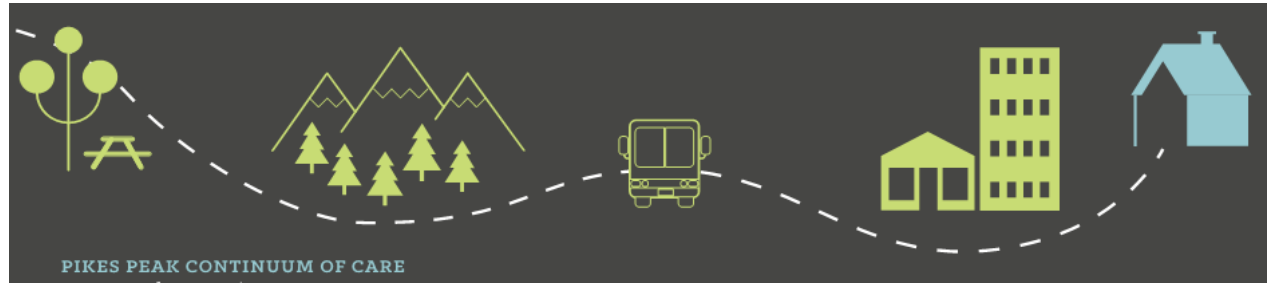
Greenway
Flats will be
built on the
campus of the
Springs Rescue
Mission to
house the
chronically
homeless.



Continuum of Care

Mission:

The Pikes Peak
Continuum of
Care exists
to end
homelessness
in the Pikes
Peak Region



Children's Hospital



Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center: C4C



ENT Center for the Arts



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UCCS Chancellors

Dr. Venkat Reddy



Dr. Pamela Shockley-Zalabak



AFA Superintendents

General Michelle Johnson



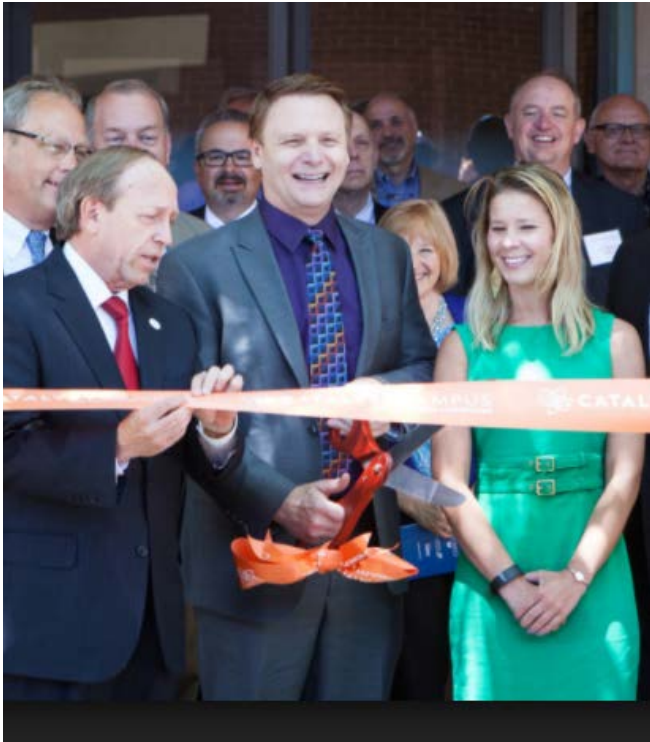
General Jay Silveria



The Quad



Catalyst Campus



COS Airport

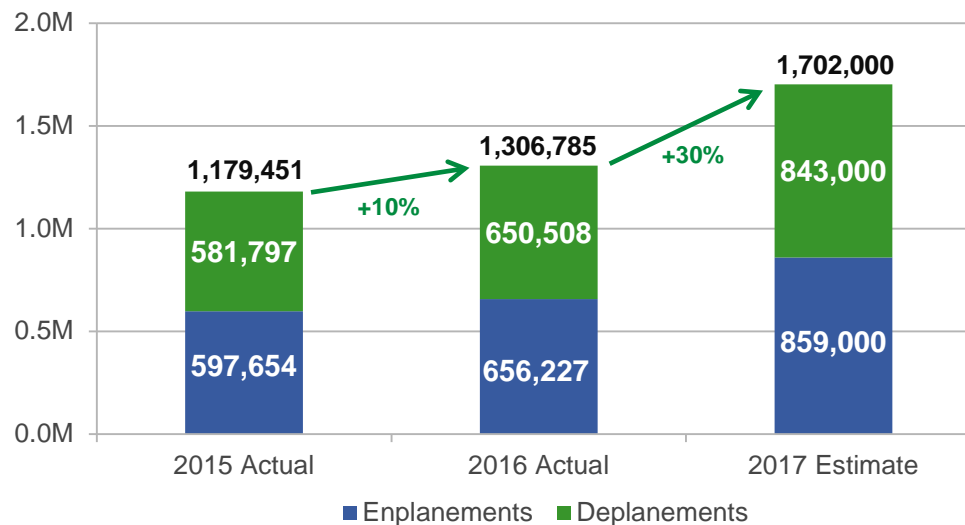
+30%

Estimated traffic
increase in 2017

161,612

Passengers
passed through
COS in July

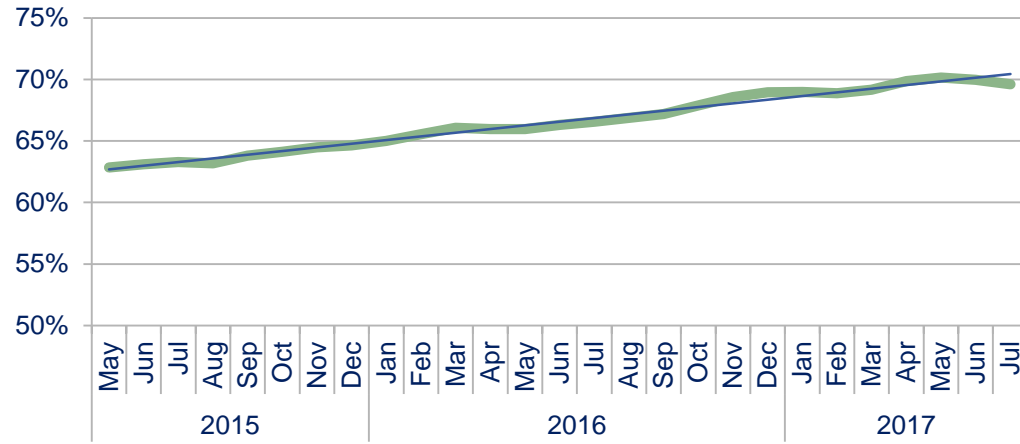
Colorado Springs Airport Traffic



Hotel Occupancy Rates

Occupancy rates repeated at 87% in June and July 2017

**Colorado Springs Hotel Occupancy Rate
(12 Month Moving Average)**



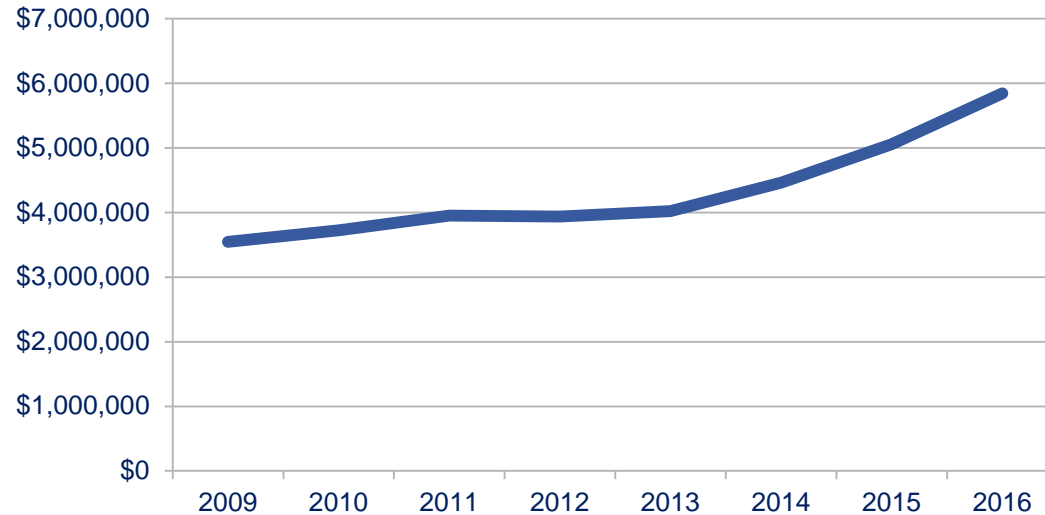
Source: Colorado Hotel and Lodging Association Rocky Mountain Lodging Report

LART Graph

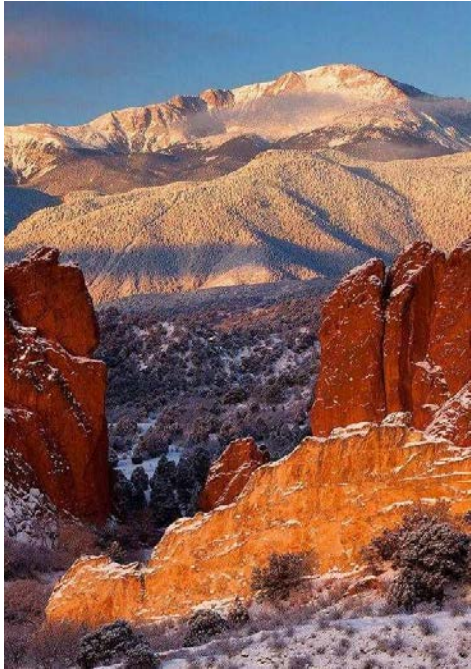
LART
revenue is
up 17% so
far this year.

In 2016,
LART grew
15%.

LART Annual Revenue



Tourism Abounds



Courtesy Colorado Springs CVB

John Venezia Park



Courtesy Colorado Springs Gazette

U.S. Olympic Museum

Set to open in 2019, the U.S. Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame will draw up 350,000 visitors annually.



Olympic City USA



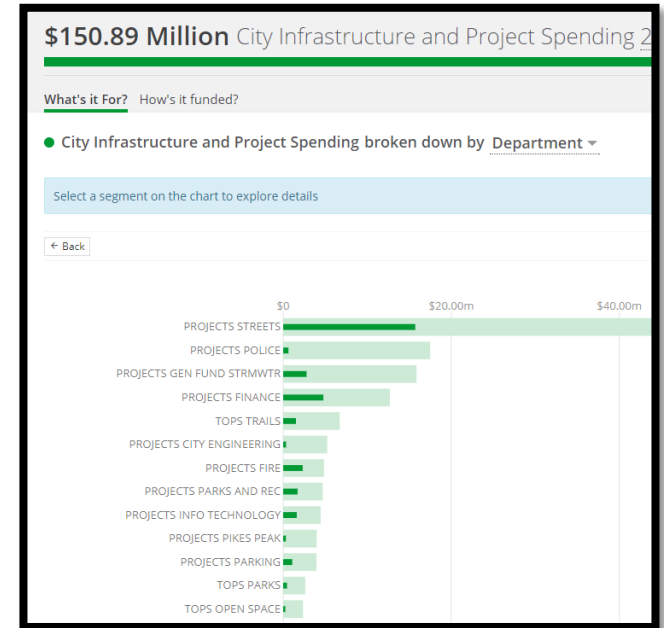
Pikes Peak Summit House



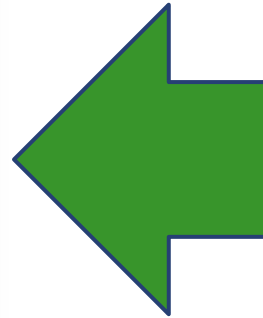
Banning Lewis Ranch Development



Citizen Engagement / Transparency



GoCoSprings App



3,909 Issues
Reported

1,637 Potholes
Reported

Most reported
potholes filled
within 9 days

PlanCOS



Courtesy Holveck Designs Photography

City Staff



I-25 Congestion



Colorado Springs, Olympic City USA



Rankings

2017 Colorado Springs Accolades

- #1 “Where Homebuyers are Headed Next” *Bloomberg News*
- #1 Hottest Housing Market in the U.S., *Marketwatch*
- #2 Most “Desirable” Place to Live, *U.S. News & World Report, 2016*
- #3 City with the Strongest Employment Outlook, *ManpowerGroup*
- #4 Best City to Launch a Career, *Realtor.com*
- #5 Best Big City to Live in, *Wallethub*
- #12 Best City for Families, *Wallethub*

General William Palmer, Founder





State of the City, 2017

